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entitled AN OPTICAL SWITCH ARRAY ASSEMBLY
FOR DNA PROBE SYNTHESIS AND DETECTION

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.10, the undersigned hereby certifies that the following is being deposited as "Express Mail" with the United States Postal Service on Wednesday, February 27, 2002, as addressed above, and requests that the above-entitled application be accorded a filing date of February 27, 2002. The "Express Mail" mailing number is EF275560361US. The items transmitted herewith include:

1. Patent specification with 22 claims;
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